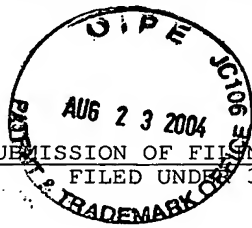


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
 Stephen Perenich  
 Serial No.: 10/826,693  
 Filing Date: April 19, 2004  
 For: SPRING SHOE



) Application Division  
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 ) Washington, D.C.  
 ) Confirmation No. 9583  
 ) August 23, 2004

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The present communication is in response to the "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION..." dated June 28, 2004. Attached hereto is/are:

- ☒ An executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, identifying the present application by title, filing date, and priority information.
- ☐ An executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, identifying the present application by title, serial number, filing date and priority information, and to which is attached a duplicate copy of the application as filed.
- ☒ Replacement Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.131. 1 Sheet(s) of drawings
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement with 08A-1449 and \_\_\_ references.
- ☒ Total fees in the amount of: \$450.00.

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BASIC FEE				\$385.00	OR		\$
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- ☐ Surcharge for late filing of English translation \$ 130.00
- ☒ Late filing of Declaration surcharge in the amount of:  
 Small Entity ☒ \$65.00 Other than Small Entity ☐ \$130.00
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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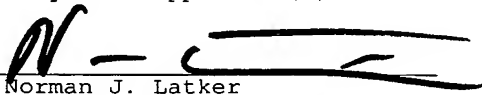
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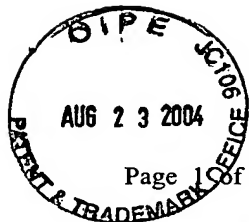
- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:  
 If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the fees.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR 1.18.

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## Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which (check one)

- [ ] is attached hereto;  
[X] was filed in the United States under 35 U.S.C. §111 on April 19, 2004, as  
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[ ] was/will be filed in the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. §371 by entry into the U.S. national stage of an international  
(PCT) application,; filed , entry requested on \*; national stage application received U.S. Appln. No.  
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and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
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If I claimed foreign priority above, I hereby identify below any foreign application for patent (including an international (PCT) application designating a country other than the United States) or for an inventor's or plant breeder's certificate, having a filing date before that of the earliest application from which foreign priority is claimed (if left blank, then there are none):

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

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60/491,260	07/31/2003
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any prior U.S. non-provisional application(s) or under §365(c) of any prior PCT international application(s) designating the U.S., listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such U.S. or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the PTO all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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10/717,915	11/21/2003	abandoned/retained for reference

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioners to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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